Claims

1. Method for providing controlled online access from a
terminal user (1) to a content service (2) via a
telecommunications system (3), the telecommunications
5   system (3) comprising a network (4), at least one terminal
(5) being connected to the network (4), the terminal (5)
comprising a display for displaying content services (2),
said method for use in a first system (6), the first system
(6) being connected to a second system (7), the first
10 system (6) being connected to a means (8) for storing
billing data of terminal users (1),
the method comprising the following steps:
        receiving (a) in the first system (6) a request from
the terminal (5) for access to the content service (2),
15 said request being sent from the terminal (5) to the first
system (6) using the network (4), said request comprising a
first code for identifying the terminal user (1) and/or
terminal (5),
        allowing (b2) or refusing (b1) online access from said
20 terminal (5) to said content service (2) based on the
terminal user's billing data,
in case of refusal (b1),
        storing (d) said first code and a second code
identifying the request with the terminal user's billing
25 data,
        providing (e) the terminal (5) with information to set
up a connection to the second system (7), said information
comprising the second code, said information being sent
from the first system (6) to the terminal (5) using the
30 network (4),
        receiving (f) in the second system (7) said second
code or related code, the second code being sent from the

terminal (5) to the second system (7) using the network
(4),

updating (g) the terminal user's billing data
referenced by said second code,

5   allowing (h1;b;b2) online access from said terminal
(5) to said content service (2).

2. Method according to claim 1 wherein allowing online
access from said terminal (5) on a next access request

10   (h2).

3. Method according to claims 1-2 wherein the method
further comprises the following steps:

deriving from the second code a telephone number of

15   the terminal user (1),

sending a premium SMS message to the terminal user (1)
using the telephone number of the terminal user (1).

4. Method according to claims 1-3 wherein said means (8)

20   for storing billing data of terminal users is part of the
first system (6).

5. Method according to claims 1-3 wherein said means (8)
for storing billing data of terminal users is part of the

25   second system (7).

6. Method according to claims 1-4 wherein said first system
(6) and said second system (7) are the same.

30   7. Method according to any of the claims 1-6 wherein said
network (4) comprises a packet switched domain (4a) and a
circuit switched domain (4b).

8. Method according to claim 7 wherein said request is sent from the terminal (5) to the first system (6) using the packet switched domain (4a).

5   9. Method according to claims 7-8 wherein said information is sent from the first system (6) to the terminal (5) using the packet switched domain (4a).

10. Method according to any of the claims 7-9 wherein said
10   second code is sent from the terminal (5) to the second system (7) using the circuit switched domain (4b).

11. Method according to claims 1-10 wherein updating (g) the terminal user's billing data is accomplished by adding
15   a sum to the terminal user's billing data.

12. Method according to claim 11 wherein said sum corresponds with a tariff of using the second system (7).

20   13. Method according to claims 3-10 wherein updating (g) the terminal user's billing data is accomplished by adding a sum to the terminal user's billing, said sum corresponding with a tariff of the premium SMS message.

25   14. Method according to claims 1-13 wherein, if said terminal user's billing data is absent, the terminal user's billing data is created (c) automatically.

15. Method according to any of the claims 1-14 wherein the
30   method further comprises the following steps:
in case of allowance (b2),
    retrieving in the first system (6) the requested content service,

forwarding said requested content service (2) to the
terminal (5).

16. Method according to any of the claims 1-14 wherein the
method further comprises the following step:
in case of allowance (b2),
    connecting the terminal (5) to said content service
(2).

17. A system arranged to perform the methods according to
any of the preceding claims.

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